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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Garcia, M DATE TYPED 02/21/05 HB 562

SHORT TITLE Eligibility for Food Stamp Notification SB \_\_\_\_\_

ANALYST Weber

### APPROPRIATION

| Appropriation Contained |      | Estimated Additional Impact |               | Recurring or Non-Rec | Fund Affected |
|-------------------------|------|-----------------------------|---------------|----------------------|---------------|
| FY05                    | FY06 | FY05                        | FY06          |                      |               |
|                         |      |                             | See Narrative | Recurring            | General Fund  |

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### REVENUE

| Estimated Revenue |      | Subsequent Years Impact | Recurring or Non-Rec | Fund Affected               |
|-------------------|------|-------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|
| FY05              | FY06 |                         |                      |                             |
|                   |      | See Narrative           | Recurring            | Federal: Good Stamp Program |

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Revenue Decreases)

Duplicates

Relates to HB 235 and SB 112

#### **SOURCES OF INFORMATION**

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Human Services Department

NO RESPONSE RECEIVED FROM

Taxation and Revenue Department

#### **SUMMARY**

##### Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 562 amends the Public Assistance Act to require the Human Services Department to include a notice with with an income tax refund or other notice to a taxpayer whose income is within 130 percent of the federal poverty guidelines that the taxpayer may be eligible for food stamps. Included in the notice shall be general information about food stamps and the location of all offices that determine eligibility. This must be available by January 30 of each year.

Significant Issues

HSD reports.

New Mexico is ranked high nationally for food insecurity and hunger problems throughout the State. Currently in the state over 91,000 households participate in the Food Stamp Program or about 12% of the State population.

HB 562 does not include any general fund appropriation or identify department responsibility for developing materials or information to be included in the tax refund or other Taxation and Revenue Department notices about the Food Stamp Program. State general fund monies may be matched with federal fund with the United States Department of Agriculture Food and Nutrition Service for outreach efforts for the Food Stamp Program. Any funds that would be utilized for any Food Stamp Program outreach must be coordinated through the Human Services Department to receive federal match if the expenditures are eligible for a match. Responsibilities and costs that are not identified in the HB 562 include: development of information about the Food Stamp Program inclusive of the location of Income Support Division field offices and additional printing and mailing costs associated with the program information.

**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

There will be expenses associated with such a program for development and production of the notice. As suggested by HSD in the above section the expenses may be eligible for a 50 percent federal match but only if done directly through HSD.

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